SHEARING APP

FOR SMARTPHONES

The **'Shearing App'** – that provides a singular destination to record and display shearing information – is now available in a version for smartphones.

The use of the 'Shearing App', initially released for the iPad in November 2014, is becoming even more widely used following the recent release of versions for the iPhone and Android phones – the most common devices used in sheds. A version for Android tablets has also recently been released.

The Shearing App contains a shearing tally and wool book that enables the user to enter, store, automatically calculate and display data associated with sheep shearing. This includes property details, mob details, shearer, wool handler and staff employment details.

The App is the initiative of shearer trainer Ross Paton from Ballarat and champion shearer Dwayne Black from Esperance, who self-funded its development.

Ross says a lot of work has gone into producing this technological innovation, which not only helps improve the record keeping process but is also very simple to use.

"We're really happy with the result and the feedback we have received has been quite supportive and positive, which is great considering how traditional the industry can be," he said.

"There seems to be a fairly even spread of people who are using the App – including woolgrowers, shearing contractors, shearers and classers, wool pressers and wool handlers."

The App is made up of two versions which allows the user to choose between Team and Personal use.

Ross says the Team version is used for the setting up of a shearing team required for a particular property.

"The user can enter as much or as little detail required to record and calculate all relevant shearing operations' data, on an ongoing daily basis, until the job is complete. The user can also generate a payslip report for each employee, for a specific date range, which includes all gross, tax, super, allowance and deduction information.
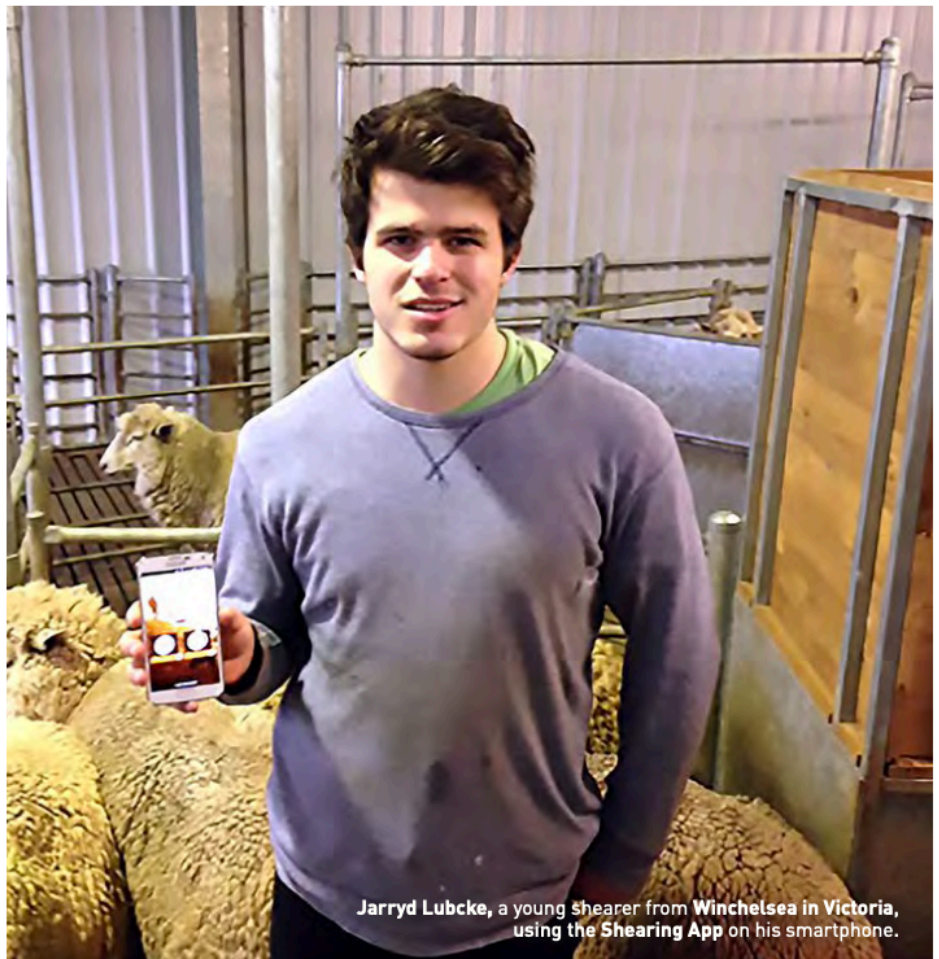
"What the Personal version has extra is the ability to generate personal shearing statistics that are updated on a daily basis. This provides the user with up-to-date information on their personal shearing performance, detailing averages, best and worst performances and the day and date these milestones were achieved."

"People seem to especially like the auto calculation and payslip generating functions as these are often the most time consuming tasks associated with filling out the tally book, and working out pays. A simple summary of the latest Pastoral Award update and personal shearing stats has also been well received." ◼

MORE INFORMATION

The App can be downloaded from the Apple App and Google Play stores. You can download the App for a month's worth of tally and wool book use for $3.79 per month. When the month expires, you can renew again for another month at the same price.

Jarryd Lubcke, a young shearer from **Winchelsea in Victoria, using the Shearing App** on his smartphone.